

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 1, 24, 26 and 33 to clarify that any of the elements in the alternative are encompassed. Applicants respectfully assert that these amendments are fully supported in the application as originally filed and contain no new matter.

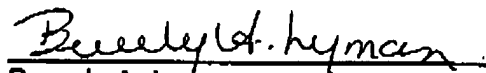
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, applicants submit that the claims are patentable, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. No fees are known to be due at this time. However, should any fees or surcharges be deemed necessary, the Examiner has authorization to charge fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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